

In the Name of God Amen. I John Simmons of the County of
Hicklenburg & State of N^o Carolina being weak in body but of
sound mind & memory considering the uncertainty of this
Mortal life blessed be God for the same, Do make this my
last will & Testament in manner & form following
that is to say I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it
& my body I commit to the Mother Earth to be buried in
a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my
Executors. Item I give unto my beloved wife Keturah Sim-
mons all my negro property that I now possess to wit Rever
Hannay, Dexter & Lambo with all my household & kitchen
furniture of whatever name they may be of with all my
Cows & Horses now on the farm & at her death to be
at her disposal to whom she may think best disposing
of all her children, Likewise the whole of the plantation
during her natural life that I now live on, Likewise all
my hogs for her use — Item I give & bequeath to Mr. J. M.
William the sum of one Dollar Item I give to my Daughter Sally
Kimbold the sum of one Dollar Item I give to my Daughter
belley Simmons the sum of one dollar Item I give to my
Grandson John Simmons son to my son John one horse saddle
& bridle to be given the said John by my son James Sim-
mons when the said John is at the age of twenty one —
Item I give & devise to my son James Simmons the whole of
my plantation on Stony Creek that I now live on after the
death of my wife Keturah — Item I give & bequeath to
Daughter Keturah Thirtie one dollar — Item I give & bequeath
to my daughter Molly Pearson the sum of one Dollar
be it remembered that my son James is to pay all the above
Legacies as he is to be heir to land after my wife Keturah dies
& likewise the said James Simmons is to pay all my just
& lawful Debts now due &c. — I likewise do nominate
& appoint my well beloved & Trusty friends Joseph McKinn
& William McKinn my sole Executors of this my last will
& Testament, Thus by revoking all former wills & Testaments made
by me whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
the 16th day of January in the year of our Lord 1815

Signed Sealed published & declared by the above
named John Simmons to be his last Will & Testament
in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed
our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Geo Alexander

Josiah Price

George Buchanan

John Simmons 

In the name of God Amen.

I James Stafford being in health & perfect mind & memory calling
to mind the Mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men
one to die, I do constitute this my last Will & Testament, and
first of all I commend my spirit into the hands of God that
gave it & my body to be buried in a Christian & decent manner
at the discretion of my Heirs & Executors & as touching my
wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me
I dispose of in the following manner to wit I give and
bequeath unto my son James that tract of land he now
lives of purchased by me from Morris Moor & likewise fifty
acres lying on the west side of Dobbs line, I also bequeath
to my daughter Jane a negro girl named Kate—
I also Will & bequeath to my son George all my real and
personal Estate he paying my lawful Debts— I also
constitute & appoint my sons James Stafford & George
Stafford my Executors to this my last Will & Testament
Signed Sealed & delivered this 21st day of August 1803
In presence of

Robert Harris

James Robb

George Harris

James Stafford 

In the name of God Amen.

I Matthew Smith of Mecklenburg County & State of N.C.
Carolina being at present weak in body but of a sound
disposing mind blessed be God! And calling to mind the
Mortality of the body & that it is appointed to all men
one to die, I do make & declare this my last Will &